# The Lions' Pride

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## Linked Learning: Two Courses Create Textbooks for Their Classes

**By John Hall**

Layout Editor

With six weeks on the spring 2018 calendar already marked off for University Campus students, fall 2017's Immunology and Academic Writing I students are still left lauding the accomplishments of last semester.

The fall semester 2017 Immunology course under the tutelage of Dr. Sergiy Borysov, associate professor of Biology, created a text from which future students could draw insight and understanding on the course titled, "A Tale About a Hidden Antigen."

The students took part by compiling different topics related to Immunology and synthesizing them in a way that the layman and the Biology novice would understand relatively quickly. Borysov touted the experience as wonderful, as he allowed the students to express themselves along an analogous line of understanding. The students decided to focus on the story of an antigen, (Bactisha) and her journey throughout "Bodyville" a fictitious kingdom personifying the human body. Throughout the tenure of Bactisha's expedition, the reader is entreated to learning critical components of the Immunological parts of the human body.

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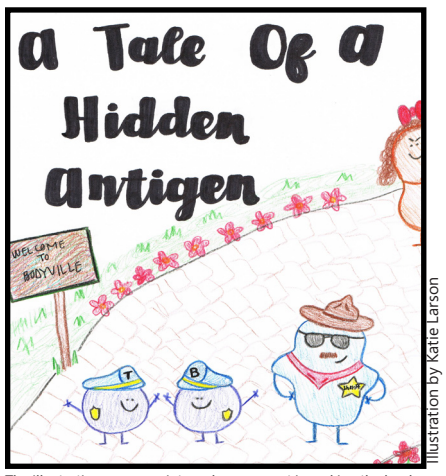
Students grow a deeper connection to learning when a reward system is in place.

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The illustrations were an integral component in making the book relatable, as they brought forth an extra layer of understanding.

The student team was assisted by Dr. Thomas Ricard, assistant professor of Engineering and Physical Science, who proofed the document. Ricard stated that this method of learning could be transferred to different fields that require memorization and retention like Engineering and Physics. Ricard stated this was his first time editing, but despite the heavy concepts behind the story, it was "personified in a way that we all can mutually understand."

Drs. Borysov and Ricard released a statement on their study which reports, "One of the most difficult aspects of teaching a subject comprehensively is getting the students through the process of a higher cognitive activity, beyond memorization of basic relevant facts. A basic working vocabulary and knowledge of a set of facts are essential for a student to truly understand and communicate the details of his or her chosen profession."

They continued, "To solidify learned material in students' minds, higher levels of cognitive involvement are necessary. More complex levels of cognitive activity include application, analysis, and synthesis. The study of the biological sciences presents challenges not only in the quantities of terms to memorize, but – more importantly – in the amount of complex concepts and processes to understand. Many biological processes can be intimidating, boring, and discouraging to students. Here we are offering one idea on how to engage students into studying course material on a higher cognitive level."

No doubt the group collectively

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## Saint Leo is on the Air!

**By Kristin Vitagliano**

Contributing Writer

Among the radio waves, in between popular, rock, and country stations, lives Saint Leo University's very own radio station.

The University began its journey to build a broadcast studio for the students and faculty on campus in 2015 when a rare opportunity presented itself: a window opened to file for a radio station. The University quickly filed for the ability of starting a station, as an opportunity like that may never have occurred again. Within eighteen months, a studio was built on main campus, and transmitters and antennas were in place so as not to interfere with other nearby stations. Saint Leo found a home among the radio waves on 92.7 fm.

The broadcast studio itself is passed every day by students and faculty alike. The station is located in the School of Business on the first floor in room 108, it is there that the content of the station is planned and aired. This content includes music, motivational programs, and prerecorded shows. The music played can be anything from oldies to top 40 hits. Motivational shows are all catered to students, and the great thing about the station is that it is commercial free. The prerecorded shows include anything from old 1930s comedy, to environmental topics, and a student created and controlled show called Night Ride.

Night Ride was originally created by freshman Cybersecurity major Jacob Diercks and a group of friends before he attended Saint Leo as a fun podcast based in Sarasota. When he and his friends went separate ways for college, they had to leave the show in the past. Or so he thought.

One Nov. day, Jacob and a gang of friends at Saint Leo, including Co-Host Danh Cooney, also a freshman Cybersecurity major, were talking and the idea of the radio show came up. They all agreed that it sounded like a pretty fun idea and decided to see if it was possible to bring it to the

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Freshmen students Danh Cooney, left, and Jacob Diercks, right, both cybersecurity majors, are always hard at work brainstorming new ideas for Night Ride.

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The recording studio is located on the first floor of the School of Business in room 108, a room that people pass and tend to overlook on a daily basis.

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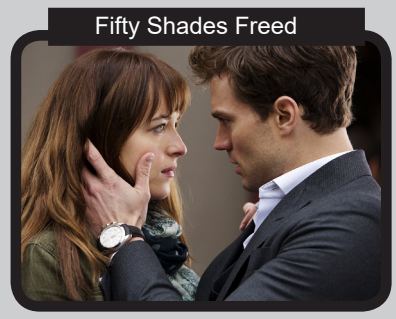

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# Editorial

## Avoid the Midterm Frenzy

**By Keva Lockhart**
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The library is full, the sound of students reiterating formulas and notes can be heard around the campus as students get in last minute revisions. This can only mean one thing; it's exam time! Whether it be a class exam, a midterm exam or final exam, students should buckle up and prepare themselves for late nights, early mornings, and finding places and ways to study and revise effectively.

Studying can be hectic, and for some, it can be humdrum. Therefore it's vital that one be educated about their learning style/s which can assist them in studying efficiently in a way that best suits their learning. According to The American River College, there are three types of learners, Auditory (Oral, Interactive), Physical (Kinesthetic, Tactile) and Visual.

Firstly, auditory learners process information aloud. For instance, these individuals ask questions and answer them by using their voice. They make use of discussing information aloud with others in a conversational tone to gain an understanding of the material being studied. This type of learner makes use of the teaching method where they seek individuals who are unfamiliar with the topic they learned, and play a teacher-student role, telling stories so they may be able to retain information and comprehend it effectively. Saint Leo University is a highly technological institution. Therefore an individual who's an auditory learner might love to study on the second floor of Kirk Hall. This area is a chill spot that makes the mood of studying a conversational one. It's a spot that lessens the tension of studying and makes you feel comfortable with friends and classmates where discussions can take place. This area of Kirk Hall has round tables and whiteboards that also enhance learning for the auditory learner. Moreover, since the auditory learner must speak aloud to retain information and study, this is a great area because it is assigned to students in a fair number of groups.

At Saint Leo University, an ideal location for a tactile learner to study would be a building such as Lewis Hall, Kirk Hall, or The School of Business. Lewis Hall would be beneficial to students majoring in Biology and Science because of the numerous 3-D learning supplies that is found in the building. For example, the 3-D human body located in one of the biology labs in Lewis Hall. Additionally, for other majors, Kirk Hall and The School of Business are filled with smart boards that a student can draw graphs on and have some form of touching involved while learning or studying a concept.

Lastly, visual learners are individuals who learn and study best with drawings and pictures in color-coded notes, for instance, the use of highlighters or multi-colored pens. An ideal place at Saint Leo University that a visual learner can make use of is one of the numerous spots outside with benches. For example, near the waterfall statue in the middle of St. Ed's Hall and The School of Business or the second floor of the library which has a great view of the Bowl. Visual learners can associate words and concepts with colors they see in nature. Additionally, the library would be an ideal place for visual learners to study because they don't need noise to study, but require a quiet place away from distractions.

Some scholars of Saint Leo University were interviewed and shared how they effectively prepare themselves for exams and tests. Miss Ashley Charlier, a sophomore who's a bio-med and health sciences major, stated that she writes notes from every class and attempts to study those notes the same day she receives them. She also said that she would sometimes begin to study early for tests and practice problems and concepts that correspond to the topic. Steven Santora, a sophomore who's majoring in health care management, stated that he spends about 3-6 hours outside of class preparing and reviewing the material with 15 minutes between his 50-60 minute sessions. He also added that he would consistently study the material. He makes tons of diagrams for theories and uses quizlet flashcards for analyzing definitions. Steven also makes use of group studying where he studies with one or two people after he has reviewed the concepts by himself because it helps him to grasp the concepts that he doesn't fully understand.

Additionally, Michelle Thurston, a senior, tourism management student stated that she writes down every homework assignment in her planner. When she's making preparations to study, she will select which subject is the most difficult, and will study three days in advance for it. She states that this has been working flawlessly for her since her first semester at Saint Leo. She also added that she was an individual who used to panic on tests and exams days, but now she takes deep breaths before studying and beginning a test or exam. Additionally, she stated that before reviewing she would watch a movie and during studying she would periodically take a 10-15 minute break.

Moreover, studying for exams and tests can be stressful, and for some individuals, it can lead to test and exam anxiety. Saint Leo University's Counseling Department plays a significant role in calming students and giving them advice when tests, midterms, and finals are upcoming and in process. Krista Jones, the assistant director of the Counseling Department, stated that it's always a pleasure to give students advice when tests and exams are in process. She stated that students should take precautions from the beginning of the semester by getting the eight-hour required rest, eating healthy, exercising, and completing homework assignments promptly. She advises students to revise notes and concepts the same day they receive them. Miss Jones added that one stress-relieving technique that students could take are deep breathing techniques. These techniques are cost-effective because they can be done anywhere and can relieve anxiety. She stated that the Counseling Services department has a lounge with a tv that plays non-stop relaxation music and students are more than welcome to come in and relax. However, some individuals respond well to pets, and this too can be a stress-free activity that relieves anxiety. Miss Jones advertised the Counseling Services Department event called Puppies and Pizza that seeks to alleviate students of exam anxiety and allows them to pet puppies and eat pizza to keep them calm when the exam season comes around.

Saint Leo offers a myriad of ways to relieve stress as well as offering everything the school can to help students excel on their exams. Now get out there and succeed!

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# Campus News

## Linked Learning Cont'd

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shared Ricard's and Borysov's thoughts, expressed by junior, biomedical science major Kaitlyn McWilliams responsible for the illustrations in Chapter 3, who stated "That class was one of the [most fun] science classes I've had. Everything about the course was very useful, and it stuck with me!" McWilliams said, "It was a lot of fun to take what I've learned and form it into something silly and fun that still makes sense!" McWilliams' statement typifies that of someone who has bought into the learning experience, notwithstanding the increased difficulty of this particular course which was made easier by the initiative of creating this book.

Supplementary to McWilliams' thoughts, Dr. Mary Spoto, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, relayed the fact that she was not surprised as there is a lot of creative teaching and active learning being undertaken between faculty and students in the school.

Spoto stated, "We do a lot of active learning, where students take center stage in learning, working with technology, groups, and in the field, practicing." Spoto mentioned, "How do you take a really complex concept and translate it in a way that makes it accessible? Besides being a great tool for student learning, it also demonstrates that the students who wrote it and illustrated it, get it."

These sentiments continued to reverberate as Kali Thompson, junior, biology major stated, "The book has helped me understand the concepts of Immunology on a molecular level."

This was not the first undertaking by Borysov to transfer his classroom into something different. Spring 2017 found Borysov changing his final examination and class presentations into what was called the Bio-Oscars which involved giving trophies to the best video presentation, voted on by their peers.

However, these techniques are not exclusive to science-based professors, Dr. Christopher Friend, assistant professor of English, is currently working on an extremely ambitious undertaking by producing a textbook for English 121: Academic Writing I. The process began in fall 2017 with the Honors section for Academic Writing. Friend said his thoughts were, "What would happen if we created our own textbook instead of having to buy someone else's?"

Friend provided the class with free and open text sources which they taught each other and wrote a chapter for, with the information they had responsibility for. The net effect of the project was, "It dramatically increased student buy-in for the content we were working through because the students realized that it was their responsibility to learn it and understand it well enough to teach it to other people. And they understood that it was going to make its way into a book that was potentially going to be used by every student who goes to Saint Leo," Friend Said.

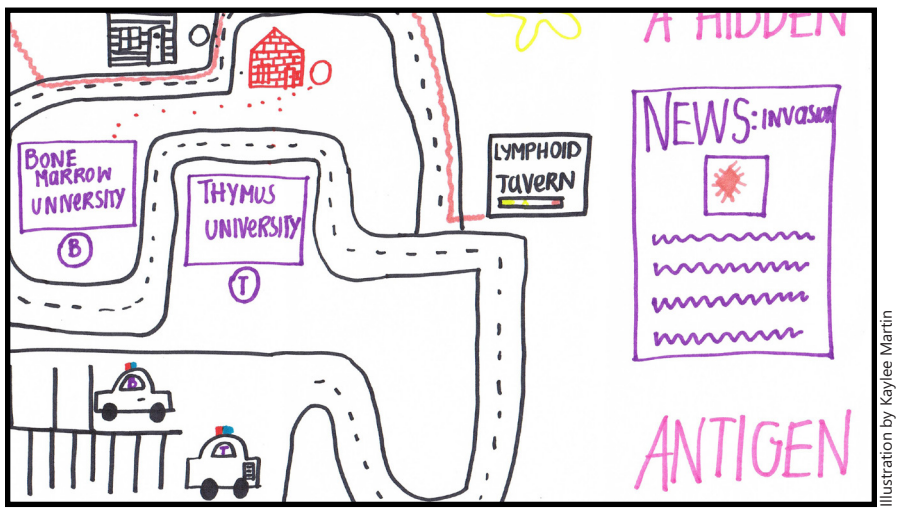


Illustration by Kaylee Martin

**The journey of Bactisha parallels the movement of germs in the human body as well as the hurdles antigens attempt to overcome.**

Alexa Klein clinical psychology major, and Brandi Bain, global studies major, were a part of the fall 2017 class that began the book.

"At first I was very uneasy about it because I was like whoa we're going to create a textbook as opposed to getting one," Klein said. Bain echoed similar sentiments stating that her initial thought was, "How is our class of about 20-ish kids going to create a textbook?"

In the end, Klein stated that they were using more of their critical thinking skills and rhetorical reading along with other tools, becoming more confident in those abilities because they were teaching versus reading what others wrote. Bain added that working with others made correlation of data easier as hyperlinks were embedded in the shared document that would link one group of authors' work to the next.

The content of the book was produced successfully, however, still needs polishing. Despite this, Friend and the now Academic Writing II class are working on content for this semester's book. Dr. Friend is hopeful that the raw data can be sent to a professional editing course that would then create another tier of the book's production.

The School of Arts and Sciences continues to produce new and innovative ways of teaching at Saint Leo University, which have included the spring microbiology course that mirrors The Ellen DeGeneres show crossed with Dr. House parody in evaluating illnesses, the perpetual science café showcase, and the yearlong '60s themed celebration under the banner Revolution! The theme commenced September 2017 with Flower Power taking over the café and will culminate with a multimedia event in the BlackBox Theatre at the end of this semester.

The School of Arts and Sciences hopes to connect with not only students but also the entire Saint Leo community. "We would like to give students and the community an opportunity to learn inside and outside the classroom," Spoto said. Be sure to look out for information regarding the '60s themed events.

## On Air Cont'd

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students of Saint Leo. And so it was that Jacob decided to resurrect Night Ride.

Night Ride is a show that is specifically for college students. Diercks and Cooney talk anything from local news, to technology. Every so often, they have special guests who can talk about topics, such as fashion, when they feel they aren't qualified enough to do so. They sometimes fill their show with the latest hit music as well. Basically, anything that connects to the youth here on campus, they may speak of. Comedy plays a big part of their show as well to make the content they put out entertaining and fun.

The show not only entertains those here on campus, but is put out to inform them as well. They hope that students take advantage of the show.

"Because there really isn't a news outlet for students, and the news outlets out there really aren't centered toward college students… we decided to find local as well as national stories that would affect students," said Diercks.

He has also noticed that since everyone pretty much walks around campus with their headphones on getting any information or news they put out lets them stay informed especially when they are walking to and from class. It also helps when it is hard to make time to read news. Their show puts information into a convenient audio form.

Night Ride is prerecorded on Thursdays and airs on Mondays at 6 p.m. The same episode is then rerun on Fridays at 6 p.m. Each show is an hour long. Both hosts hope for the show to become live so they can have more audience interactions, but for the time being they are content with going live on Instagram under the handle nightride92.7. They also hope to convert their hour long shows into podcasts that can be found through places like iTunes.

Until then, you can simply tune into their show on Mondays and Fridays. To tune into Saint Leo's radio station, simply turn your radio dials to 92.7 or go online to live365.com and search for Saint Leo University Radio.

## The Stars Among Us

**By Yvan Lafortune**
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, The Campus Activities Board proved that it was definitely not short on events for the Saint Leo family. CAB converted the SCC Lobby into the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The event, entitled "Hollywood Walk of Fame Stars," presented the Lion community with the opportunity to craft stars with their names on it in reference to the real ones located in Los Angeles, California. The available icons that could be featured on the stars were: a disc for the music industry, a camera for the movie industry, and a TV for the television industry. The students would design their star and pick it up sometime later.

To bring this project to life, CAB enlisted the help of Kirkland Productions, a group that specializes in customizing entertainment events in colleges throughout the country. After adding their student ID in a tablet to participate in the event, an individual had to choose which icon would go on their star. Then after printing the image, the depiction would go to Michelle Feigenbaum, a representative from Kirkland Productions, so that she could add the adhesive material to hand over the final product to the student.

Jarred Pernier, a junior majoring in communications management and member of CAB, said that he was pretty satisfied with the results of the program.

"We like to try new things, make sure students have a great time," Pernier recounted.

Some students even related to Pernier how much they appreciate CAB's initiative; Pernier feels confident that this event will make a return due to its popularity among students.

Pernier referred to "Hollywood Walk of Fame Stars" as an introductory event for what is about to go down in the days to come. Leo's Love Week will be keeping CAB pretty busy. With events like "Wax Dipped Flowers," a special themed Bingo night, and "A Night on Love Lane," CAB seems to have a lot on its plate for Valentine's Day.

Photo by Yvan Lafortune

**Makito Hoshino, a junior majoring in global studies, was pleased with the finish product.**

# National

## Student Veterans of America National Conference

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Photo courtesy of Office of Military Services

**Student Veterans Xavier Shipman and Michael Carbonaro, pictured at the Miltary Resource Center, were two of the 11 Saint Leo students who attended the Student Veterans of American National Conference earlier last month.**

Student Veterans from Saint Leo University attended a national annual conference early in January; Student Veterans of America National Convention 2018 (NatCon) was held from Jan. 4 to Jan. 6 in San Antonio, Texas.

The three-day conference was attended by approximately 2,500 student veterans and additional staff; there were 11 Saint Leo students and a staff member at the conference. This conference is the "largest annual gathering of student veterans, advocates, thought-leaders, stakeholders, and supporters in higher education in the world," according to conference.studentveterans.org.

"Last year, Saint Leo attended this conference for the first time with 14 students from campus, centers and online, and one staff member. This year, we again were able to take student veterans to participate and gain from this forum. The students give up their break to attend and meet other student veterans and military-affiliated students, but definitely, the conference opens their eyes to what they can have as goals for their education and involvement at their universities and in their own communities. This year, we again had our student veterans and an ROTC cadet attend," said Pamela Martis, Associate Vice President of the Office of Military Services Colonel.

Those students who attended are a part of the Saint Leo Student Veteran of America (SVA) Chapter.

"Our Saint Leo SVA Chapter is the 1000th chapter in the country, and there are only 1500 in the U.S. Our main chapter is at University campus, but we are working on developing branches for our centers and online students as well," said Martis.

In fact, Martis stated that the Saint Leo Virginia Centers are working on developing branches of the chapter there.

This conference was also a great opportunity for the students from main campus and centers to interact with one another. In fact, eight students from University Main Campus and three from Corpus Christi Center attended.

One of the students who attended the conference mentioned his experience about having students from the centers at the conference.

"The experience of meeting the Corpus Christi students was great since we got to share experiences of being at main campus vs. off-site campuses," said Xavier Shipman, a criminal justice major and Marine Corps veteran.

> ***"After going to this conference and becoming a part of the SVA, we are planning on setting up events in the future to make other Student Veterans aware of the services that are available so they can be as successful as possible; to let them know that we have each other's backs and maintain that comradery that we were a part of."***
>
> ***- Michael Carbonaro, a student who is a Marine Corps Veteran***

The event was also a great opportunity for the student veterans to network and to learn about many aspects life, including employment, resume building, and transitioning processes.

"The event was very informative, inspiring, and vital to the support of student veterans in their transition into school, civilian life, and future employment. The thing that makes NATCON stand out is that it is operated by veterans for veterans and it provides the skills and support to find employment through businesses who want to hire veterans," added Shipman.

Also, the conference has excellent network opportunities as well. In fact, one of the students from Saint Leo had a chance to get interviewed with the Apple company at the conference.

"NATCON honors all veterans and the schools that support us. Norman Widamen, a student at our main campus, was interviewed by Apple and was invited to sit at their table during the banquet. Norman is now waiting for a second interview to be scheduled," said Shipman.

Another student veteran from Saint Leo that attended the conference was Michael Carbonaro, a freshman majoring in biology and another Marine Corps veteran; this was his first time going to the conference.

"This conference is to bring student veterans from all schools across the entire United States together to assist them with finding employers, networking, and advice in transitioning into the civilian population, whether it be integrating into university life out of the service, or integrating into the workforce, and how to properly set up ourselves and our fellow veterans for success," said Carbonaro.

Carbonaro commended the conference and explained some of what it had to offer.

"The conference was a great experience, well-organized. There were classes for us to go to get information on how to transition successfully back into the civilian population as well as opportunities to network with other veterans, employers, and foundations," said Carbonaro. "Some takeaways were how to utilize Linked-in to further networking with employers, tips to help build a sound resume, and the importance with getting involved with other veterans/ veteran groups on campus."

As the staff member who attended the conference, Martis talked in detail of the highlights from the conference.

"The speakers and group presentations were

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Photo courtesy of Office of Military Services

**SVA represents a network of nearly 1,500 chapters on campuses across the country and in four countries representing more than 600,000 student veterans at those colleges and universities.**

excellent with one of the best presentations from General (R) George Casey, former Chief of Staff of the Army, who discussed why student veterans need to network and join organizations like SVA as they go on and become the leaders in their schools and communities and continue the service they started in their military careers," stated Martis. "Overall, a very good experience for those student veterans who were able to attend and now their mission is to spread the word to fellow veterans and military-affiliated students who can join our Saint Leo SVA chapter or a branch at their local centers or online."

One of these students who want to spread the word is Carbonaro. Although this is only Carbonaro's second semester on campus, he is involved with Saint Leo SVA Chapter. In fact, most of the students, who attended the conference are a part of the Saint Leo SVA Chapter here on Main campus. The Saint Leo SVA Chapter is an organization that is systematized to foster a community among student veterans, those on active duty, and military-affiliated students, such as military family member students and ROTC cadets. The Saint Leo SVA Chapter is doing just that and is also seeking to bring more awareness to other student veterans, as Carbonaro explained.

"The [purpose of] SVA chapter at Saint Leo is to bring student veterans together one to help each other out become successful and continuing to achieve greatness," said Carbonaro. "Our main focus and goal is to improve the awareness of the group, get more student veterans involved, and to set up more events that will expose us to other organizations and help ultimately shine light on opportunities for individuals to continue their path to success."

In addition, this chapter is seeking to spread its wings to involve the centers as well. The new director of the Office of Military Services Colonel, Fanny Wright, who is a retired Master Sargent, U.S. Air Force 1, is looking forward to helping the leadership of the Saint Leo Chapter to grow branches at other centers, added Martis.

Carbonaro also mentioned that the chapter is planning events to achieve their goal of spreading awareness to attract more student veterans. For example, the Saint Leo SVA Chapter will have a membership barbecue before the Hometown Heroes night, which will be held Feb. 24. The Athletic Department is involved in this event as well, as they are planning to have the event at the Marion Bowman Center for the last men's and women's basketball games.

Another future event will be a presentation where the students who attended the conference will discuss the topics and highlights of the SVA conference.

"We will each be putting together a few slides talking about what we learned while attending the national conference and presenting it to Saint Leo SGU," mentioned Carbonaro.

Martis pointed out that anyone interested in learning more about the best practices for student organizations on campus is invited to attend.

*The Saint Leo SVA Chapter's upcoming event, where students will be presenting about the highlights of the SVA conference, will be held*

***Feb. 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Teco Hall.***

# Arts & Entertainment

## "Call Me by Your Name": Summer Done Right

**By Charlotte Rubayita**
Contributing Writer

Based on the 2007 novel of the same name by Andre Aciman, "Call Me By Your Name" gets its odd title from a line during a romantic scene where the main character's love interest tells him, "call me by your name . . . and I will call you by mine." What sets this coming-of-age movie apart from your typical sappy Nicholas Sparks romance is the real emotions it evokes from viewers. The character, young and naive Elio (Timothee Chalamet) has a hopeless crush on smart and cocky Oliver (Armie Hammer). To make Oliver jealous, Elio starts a relationship with Marzia (Esther Garrel). It's almost funny how Elio puts so much effort into making sure that Oliver knows about him and Marzia.

Set in Northern Italy in the summer of 1983, "Call Me By Your Name" features an American student, Oliver, who travels to Italy to assist a Jewish professor of Archaeology (Michael Stuhlbarg) while living with his family. 17-year-old Elio Perlman starts a seductive romance with Oliver who is seven years old and is a senior; the age difference between the characters has sparked controversy. Ann Hornaday, a movie critic for "The Washington Post," responded by saying, "Before readers look up the Italian word for "problematic," let it be noted that it is Elio, not Oliver, who is the pursuer in "Call Me By Your Name." Elio is a young adult with intelligence exceeding his peers, yet he's still struggling to understand the sexual tension between himself and Oliver. It's not that Elio is not educated about same-sex attraction, but it is the fact that before Oliver came into the picture, Elio was very sure of his sexuality.

Although the movie explores the nature of youthful relations, whether it be friendships or more, it ignores the critical issue of what it means to be gay in a small Italian, Catholic town in the 1980s. But it also offers something that is rare in modern romance movies: simple, unproblematic family dynamics. Perlman's family talks about art over dinner with guests, they have fresh breakfast together in the backyard every morning, and Elio is not some rebellious teenager. He kisses his mom and dad in the morning and lets his mom read him novels while he rests his head in his father's lap. In an interview with "The Washington Post," Luca Guadagnino who directed the film said, "Call Me By Your Name" is a movie about family for families."

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**Newcomer Timothee Chalamet earned a nomination for Best Actor for the 2018 90th Annual Academy Awards with his stellar performance.**

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**The film relied on simple humour to create chemistry between characters.**

Elio and his family spend summers in countryside Italy where he spends his days reading books, transcribing music, swimming at the river in his backyard, going out at night, and in his words, "waiting for summer to end." This movie honors archaeological artifacts, musical art, and natural beauty in ways that leave fans planning their very own Italian summer vacations.

"Call Me By Your Name" runs for over two hours with a few idle scenes here and there such as when Elio tries to engage in a conversation with Oliver about Chiara, who was in a casual relationship with Oliver. The conversation somehow ends up being about who should sit in the front seat on an archaeological trip with Elio's father. However, what the movie lacks in timing, it makes up for in sound and music. Guadagnino combines Timothee Chalamet's piano and guitar playing skills with Sufjan Steven's musical talents. "Mystery of Love" and "Visions of Gideon" by Sufjan Stevens were a couple of tear-jerking songs that were featured.

**Movie Rating:**
4 out of 5 Paws

## COLLEGE DAYS

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Fifty Shades of Snooze

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People often say "smart is sexy." Many also cite a sense of humor as an attractive quality. These claims have not yet been proven true, but if they are, that explains why "Fifty Shades Freed" is as enticing as watching a dog wag its tail. Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan) and Anastasia Steele (Dakota Johnson) are back in the final film, released Feb. 9. Adapted from E.L. James' trilogy, the film series is constantly revolving around a hot male who meets a timid female and falls in love. The two can't keep their hands off each other, which should be enticing to the body and mind if nothing else.

"Fifty Shades Freed" opens with the marriage ceremony of Christian and Anastasia. The film, however, despite receiving a low audience rating of eleven percent on rotten tomatoes, still managed to rack up $38.8 million in sales from the box office. Perhaps the problem is once the film reveals the marriage and the erotic scenes, everything else drifts and lacks structure; hence, viewers may not be intrigued.

The truth of the matter is if BDSM were removed from this film it would become a thriller. The flick goes from Christian buying a house to Ana and her friends going shopping for dresses and from Christian driving a jet ski to Ana driving a car. Then, the action arises when a bomb explodes in one of the Grey Enterprises warehouses, and Ana realizes she is being stalked by her psychotic ex-boss Jack Hyde (Eric Johnson.) There is no cohesion, no fluidity, and no personality in the plot of this film. "Fifty Shades Freed" is what every "Fifty Shades" fan would hope would put the icing on the cake despite "Fifty Shades Darker" not living up to the expectations of the fans. However, director James Foley let the fans down one last time. Regardless of the film feeling dragged along and fans being disappointed, it is undeniable that the film only came alive, barely, at the sex scenes, which were still bland.

The film also had some funny or rather idiotic moments when one would say "Are you serious?" At the beginning of the film, Christian wants to get away from the wedding with Ana, so they leave to go to the airport, and she is going to ask if he owns the plane. Hello? The previous movies entailed him bringing her up in helicopters and gliders as well as sailboats. So why is she surprised he has a jet? Ana clearly forgot what happened in the previous films as do many of the film-watchers. On another note, undoubtedly, despite the poor plot and the "okay" screen chemistry, the soundtrack was the one good thing that came out of this film. The soundtrack is listed as number six on the iTunes Album Top Chart and features various artists. The music was the one thing the audience could connect to, and it was the only source of emotion.

The "Fifty Shades" Trilogy should not have been made into a movie. Viewers should not have encountered "Fifty Shades Darker," and now "Fifty Shades Freed," which has left a bad taste in the viewer's mouth. Sad to say the first was not even enticing or exciting and now this. The books were well-received and anticipated; however, it was a disappointment when it was filmed. The repetition of sex scenes and Christian not being into the BDSM scenes in "Fifty Shades of Grey" resulted in the film losing its

**Movie Rating:**
1 out of 5 Paws

Photos by @FiftyShades

**Reportedly, Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan do not get along offset, despite their onscreen chemistry.**

Photo by @FiftyShades

**Universal Pictures brought the world of Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele to life with F I F T Y, a pop-up experience in Hollywood, CA with six rooms inspired by "Fifty Shades" on the weekend of Feb. 2.**

## Upcoming Events

### I Love The 90s:

**Salt N Pepa, Vanilla Ice, and Tone Loc**

**When:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Florida Strawberry Festival
303 North Lemon St.
Plant City, Florida 33563

**Cost:** $55-$307 depending on seat choice

**Contact:** (813) 752-9194 or flstrawberryfestival.com

# Sports

## MLB Spring Training Guide

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**Champion Stadium at ESPN Wide World of Sports helps bring the fun of Disney World and professional baseball together. The Altanta Braves will continue to have spring training here until 2019 when their lease expires.**

Major League Baseball Spring Training is an annual tradition, and teams are getting ready to start playing baseball in the coming weeks. The Grapefruit League features 15 teams from both the American and National League that will play from the end of February until the end of March. The other 15 teams play in the Cactus League located around the Phoenix, Arizona area. Spring training is a crucial time for lesser-known players to try and make their respective teams opening day roster, and gives veterans a chance to get back into baseball after a long off-season.

Spring Training gives both baseball fans and Floridians a chance to see their favorite teams in a more intimate environment that features smaller stadiums and more opportunities to get close to players. The Tampa Bay area alone has seven teams within a 70-mile radius and is a dream location for anyone who wants to experience a lot of baseball in the month before the regular season kicks off.

For anyone who wants to see some Spring Training action in the Tampa area, here is a detailed list of all the information needed to have a great time.

**New York Yankees**
**Tampa, Florida**
**George M. Steinbrenner Field**
**First Home Game: Friday, Feb. 23**

George Steinbrenner Field has been recently upgraded and has the largest seating capacity of any Spring Training stadium in the Grapefruit League with 11,000 seats available. It is located next to Raymond James Stadium where the Tampa Bay Buccaneers play and offers great views of Yankees' baseball up close.

**Philadelphia Phillies**
**Clearwater, Florida**
**Spectrum Field**
**First Home Game: Saturday, Feb. 24**

For Spring Training, the Phillies will play their home games at Spectrum Field out in Clearwater. The stadium seats around 8,500 fans, and isn't too far of a drive from Tampa. The Phillies will be playing some exciting pre-season baseball with some of their high-level prospects getting valuable playing time while the team is in the Sunshine state and would make a great day for fans of any team.

**Toronto Blue Jays**
**Dunedin, Florida**
**Florida Auto Exchange Stadium**
**First Home Game: Friday, Feb. 23**

Of all the teams that play pre-season baseball in the Tampa area, the Toronto Blue Jays may get the least amount of attention. The team's Spring Training venue, Florida Auto Exchange Stadium, is the smallest of any in the country with a capacity for only around 5,500 people. With the overall capacity being so small, it should give fans a very intimate atmosphere where being able to get close to players should be fairly easy.

**Detroit Tigers**
**Lakeland, Florida**
**Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium**
**First Home Game: Saturday, Feb. 24**

The Tigers still feature two big-name players, Miguel Cabrera and Victor Martinez, and even with their age, they can still be a joy to see during pre-season baseball. Detroit plays their Spring Training games in Lakeland, and as the only team in that area, they draw some decent crowds. The Tigers' tenure in Lakeland is the longest of any team in the Grapefruit League, and they have been there since 1966. The stadium is a 40-minute drive from Tampa and should be completely worth the short trip for any baseball fan.

**Pittsburgh Pirates**
**Bradenton, Florida**
**LECOM Park**
**First Home Game: Saturday, Feb. 24**

One of the biggest reasons to make the trip down to Bradenton for Spring Training is that the Pirates play in one of the oldest baseball parks in the United States. LECOM Park is the third oldest ballpark used by a Major League team in the country and is considered to be one of the best baseball experiences, giving fans some of the same nostalgic feelings as going to Fenway Park or Wrigley Field.

**Baltimore Orioles**
**Sarasota, Florida**
**Ed Smith Stadium**
**First Home Game: Friday, Feb. 23**

The Orioles play their pre-season baseball in beautiful Sarasota and have a great ballpark to watch games in an intimate environment. The drive down to the stadium will take about an hour from Tampa, but with most games being played in the afternoon, it will give you plenty of time to explore the picturesque coastline and the historic downtown of the city in just a day. Ed Smith Stadium and the Orioles do a great job at making Spring Training Baseball a one of a kind experience.

**Atlanta Braves**
**Kissimmee, Florida**
**Champion Stadium**
**First Home Game: Monday, Feb. 26**

As far as this spring goes, the team will be showing off plenty of its young players over the coming weeks, giving fans a chance to see these future stars up close. It is also tough to top Disney World as a location to watch some baseball, as families could end up making a weekend out of it. Taking the hour or so drive to Disney will be well worth it to see an exciting young team and spend some time in the happiest place on earth.

Photo by @MarcAnthony

**Spring Training is an annual traditon in Florida with 15 Major League teams calling the Sunshine state home during the months of February and March.**

### Upcoming Games Week Ending 2/16/18 - 2/22/18

**Men's Basketball**
2/17- at Lynn 4:00 p.m.
2/21- at Eckerd 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**
2/17- at Lynn 2:00 p.m.
2/21- at Eckerd 5:30 p.m.

**Men's Baseball**
2/17- at West Alabama (DH) 1:00/4:00 p.m.
2/18- at West Alabama 1:00 p.m.

**Women's Softball**
2/16- at Rollins 7:00 p.m.
2/17- at Rollins (DH) 1:00/3:00 p.m.

**Men's Lacrosse**
2/16- vs Young Harris 7:00 p.m.

**Women's Lacrosse**
2/18- at UC Colorado-Springs 11:00 a.m.

**Women's Golf**
2/19- at Florida Southern Lady Moc Classic
2/20- at Florida Southern Lady Moc Classic

**Men's Tennis**
2/18- vs Flagler 1:00 p.m.
2/21- vs Florida Southern 3:00 p.m.

**Women's Tennis**
2/17- at Nova Southeastern 10:00 a.m.
2/21- vs Florida Southern 3:00 p.m.